be considered favourably as the waiting period in respect of each case was more than the prescribed maximum period of 4 years.

(e) PNB have reported that out of 7 cases, there are 2 cases where both parents have expired. However, the bank could not consider their cases for compassionate appointment favourably as the waiting period was more than 4 years.

Transfer of Officer Bearers of Officers' Association in Vijaya Bank

3180. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines/rules prescribed by Nationalised Banks regarding transfer of office bearers of Officers' Association;

(b) whether Vijaya Bank is following the guidelines/rules; if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons for the guidelines being not implemented; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As per Government guidelines, office bearers of the Officers' Association in the Nationalised Banks are not exempted from the general transfer policy of the bank and they are to be treated at par with others in the matter of postings and transfers.

(b) and (c) Vijaya Bank have reported that they have recently revised their transfer policy for officers and in terms of the same office bearers of Officers' Association are treated at par with other officers with regard to transfers and no protection is extended to them.

Appointment of Chairman, LIC

3181. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 26th July, 2000 regarding the appointment of Chairman of LIC;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Officer appointed for the post is seventh in the seniority list; and

(c) whether any guidelines have been laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Appointment to the post of Chairman, LIC has not been made.

(c) Does not arise.

Loan disbursed by Banks

3182. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there has been an increase in the amount of loan extended by Public Sector Banks during the first three months of the financial year 2000-2001 as compared to that of the corresponding period of the previous financial year;

(b) if so, the amount of loan disbursed during the first three months of the year 2000-2001 and 1999-2000, separately; and

(c) the amount of loan pertaining to food items (eatable) and non-food items (non-eatable) respectively out of that amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The outstanding position of total bank credit of scheduled commercial banks including public sector banks has increased during the first three months of the year 2000-2001 up to June 30, 2000 as indicated in the table below. The outstanding position and also the increase/ decrease of food credit and non-food credit during the first three months of the year 2000-2001 and the corresponding period of the previous year are also indicated in the table below: